

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Stylish Ways To Boost A Home's Value

(NAPSA)—In today's real estate market, sellers are doing everything possible to enhance their homes' value and appeal. As a result, "staging"—setting the scene to help make their property an ideal showcase—is now a cottage industry.

Consider the following tips from Hunter Douglas:

• **Less Really Is More**—Streamlining the decor is sure to give your home an expansive appearance.

Something as basic as adding window treatments can have an immediate impact and a lasting effect on value—especially since window dressings usually remain in the home as part of the sale. The key is to find practical window fashions with a long shelf life that will add form as well as function. For instance, you can transform the light in a room and block harmful UV rays with products such as Silhouette® window shadings from Hunter Douglas.

• **Kitchens and Baths**—“Today, people like an open and airy kitchen with a lot of work space,” says Robert Irwin, author of “Home Buyer's Checklist.” Additionally, a master bathroom, especially with a spa or whirlpool tub, and a separate shower with steam and/or multiple jets, is considered a big asset.

• **Master Suites**—A sumptuous bedroom is on many homeowners' wish lists. Make sure it offers ample storage space and a comfortable place to lounge.

• **Natural Materials**—Americans increasingly want a connection between the home and outdoors and the serenity that nature brings. Decorate with materials that offer natural textures to create a spalike tranquility in your home.



**Investing in hardwood shutters increases the value of your home and adds architectural detail.**

• **Dens and Libraries**—For a handsomely coordinated look, consider custom-crafted wood shutters, such as Heritage® hardwood shutters, as doors on closets and cabinets, as well as on the windows for architectural appeal.

• **Improve Curb Appeal**—According to the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, a good first impression of a home can add as much as 10 percent to its value. Window fashions like Vignette® Modern Roman Shades with no rear lift cords and a neutral white backing ensure an attractive and uniform appearance from the outside.

• **Enlarge Your Windows**—Upgrading to bigger windows is always a winning proposition. Silhouette shadings in the four-inch vane size are popular for large windows.

• **Add Insulation**—Window coverings such as the Duette® Architella™ Collection feature a unique, patented construction (honeycomb nestled within a honeycomb) that traps significantly more air than other window fashions and keeps homes comfortable.

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